Bernal Youths Speak Out! **See Inside . . .**

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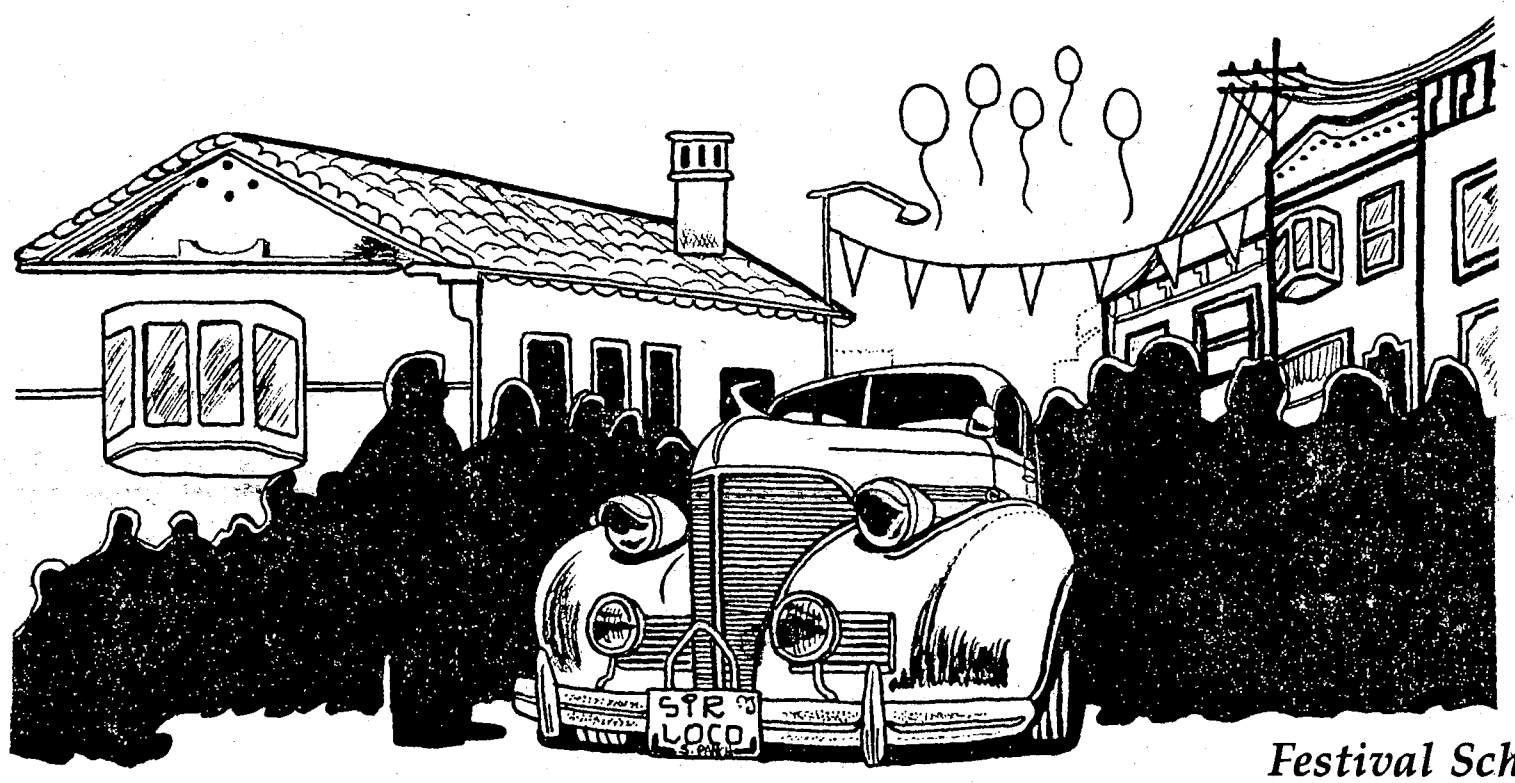
Second Annual Bernal Folks' Festival

Takin' it to the Streets!



We're going to have our second annual festival here in Bernal Heights on Saturday, October 3. Plans indicate that this year's celebration will be *bigger and better* than ever! It's going to be held on Cortland Avenue between Gates and Andover Streets starting at 10 a.m. Saturday morning. The festival is being sponsored by the Bernal Heights Council, a group of neighborhood organizations.

An important part of the festival's planning has been assumed by a newly formed youth coalition. The youths are coordinating security with the San Francisco Police Department, sponsoring a car show, and assisting with the clean-up and entertainment.

The planning group especially wants this festival to serve as a time of celebration for Bernal Heights. We want it to emphasize feelings of unity and solidarity within the community.

There will be a variety of booths featuring many different foods, arts and crafts and various community services (for example, the Bernal Heights Law Clinic will give legal consultations for $5). Entertainment will be provided all day on the main stage. Child care will also be available.

Also, there will be a large drawing with some great prizes being given away.

Anyone who would like to help with the festival or who would like to inquire about booths can call 647-4255.

Pick a Winner!

A variety of super prizes will be raffled off on Festival afternoon. Our terrific neighborhood merchants and many other friends of Bernal have donated oodles of gifts and services for the drawing.

You could win:

- Gift Certificate at *Lightstone's*
- Gift Certificate at *Safeway*
- Dinner at the *Rusty Scupper*
- Breakfast at *Tony's Tradewinds*
- Cameras
- $100 worth of gasoline
- AND MUCH MORE!!!

Tickets cost only $1 and are available from many Bernal merchants and Bernal Heights council members.

DON'T MISS OUT!!! YOU CAN BE A BIG WINNER!!!

Festival Schedule

12:00 - 12:40
Hades *Heavy Metal*

12:40 - 1:00
Natalie Mattsen *Original Folk*

1:00 - 1:40
Eddie & the Boopers *Oldies But Goodies*

1:40 - 2:00
Fashion Show *The Perfect Fit*

2:00 -2:40
Harvey *Soul & More*

2:40 - 3:00
Ethnic Dance

3:00 - 3:40
The Enchanters *Rock You Can Dance To*

3:40 - 4:00
Four Dimensional Waves *Strutters*

4:00 - 4:40
Salsa

Master of Ceremonies
Larry Moore

SPECIAL FESTIVAL ISSUE

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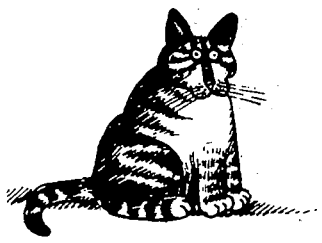

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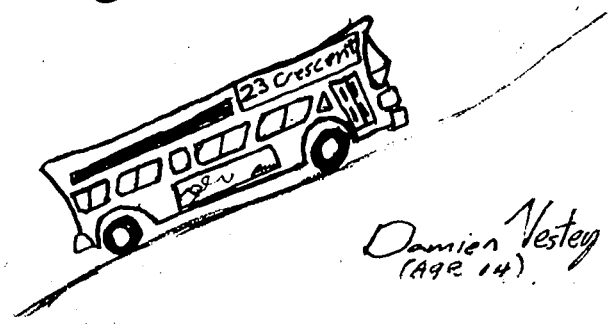


RIPLEY-ALABAMA #23 CRESCENT
BUS STOP IN JEOPARDY

Our heartfelt *"thank you"* to Dolores Brady, Bill and Lee Cassidy, Pia Cattani, Betty Cerelli, Lee Egger, Linda Fonsela, Lill Kruse, Mercedes Pugh, and Rose Terranova, who in *neighborly love* gave of their time to save our vital Muni transportation. Removal of this bus stop would have adversely affected 236 households (570 persons).

— Petition Signers

from the editor

by Barbara Bagot

You may be wondering (hopefully!) where the *Bernal Journal* has been the past few months . . . We extend our sincerest apologies to our advertisers and contributors.

The *BJ* has been undergoing lots of changes — the main one being the burnout of its dwindling volunteer staff. Co-editor Barbara Kosman has stepped down after devoting a year of hard work to the paper. In the last issue, you may remember, I "gave my notice" after editing the *BJ* for over 2½ years. I plan to "stick it out" until I find some good, responsible people to take over.

Since the last issue, several concerned Bernalians have gathered together to discuss the future. We all agreed that there is an immediate need to reorganize the Editorship, which is simply too much work for one or two people. There is still a need for an overall coordinator, but this person needs a "pool" of people — the more the merrier — to do all those fun tasks I listed in the last issue.

- Have you ever dreamed of making up flashy Page One headlines?
- Would you like to learn more about how to put a newspaper together?
- Do you like working with creative people?
- Would you like to get to know your community better?
- Would you like to get to know your neighbors?
- Are you a frustrated English teacher who's been dying to try your hand at copy editing?
- Are you artistically inclined — like to draw cartoons and graphics?
- Ever get the urge to redesign the *Bernal Journal* — give it more flair?
- Can you spare one, two, three hours a month? Or more (even less)?

If you answered yes to ANY of these questions, you can contribute to the paper!

Please give us a call. David Butterfield is one of our fine neighbors who is devoting energy to preserving the tradition of this fine community newspaper. Call David (285-7875) or me (648-2190) if you can lend a hand!

KELVIN C. MILLER

September 15, 1962 – May 28, 1981

"To be young, gifted and Black . . ."

JOHN MACKIN

1900 – 1981

Lived all his 81 years on Peralta

Bernal Youths

Not Just Han

by Lilly Resendiz and Negro Resendiz

Recently a lot of eyebrows have been raised because of the considerable amount of youths hanging around on Cortland and throughout the neighborhood.

People only criticize what they see as weak points and bad behavior among these youths. Police drive by and harass them because they gather at corners in groups.

Sure, they protest; but no one has bothered to find out what's on these kids' minds. Nor have they noticed that the kids don't show prejudice against any of the different racial backgrounds that we have in our community. And this is an attitude that people fight for throughout the rest of the city.

On Saturday, September 5, Roberto Hernandez — a coordinator for the Bernal Heights Community Foundation — got a group of kids together and they all went to Santa Cruz. Everyone had a lot of fun. This is what we need! We need people to get involved —

A Festival

The Bernal Heights Council has been active since January of this year. Since then, it's done a lot to write about!

"An organization of organizations" in the neighborhood, groups send representatives to monthly meetings to plan activities for the community, exchange information and share resources. After an examination of the more cogent problems facing Bernal Heights, the Council formulated and organized the *Bernal Good Neighbor Campaign* from February through July. Members held block meetings on their streets to get to know each other better and take a closer look at some of the root causes of crime; i.e., high unemployment, especially among our youth, deterioration or lack of city services, displacement of long term residents, and the serious problem of not knowing each other well enough as neighbors in a very diversified community.

The Council's analysis of the feedback from meetings clearly indicated that — along with poor response time from police, poor street lighting and lack of personal and home security — many youth of the neighborhood are becoming more removed from the "American dream" of equal opportunity, and therefore turning to violent and anti-social behavior as a result. Residents expressed the desire of getting to know their young neighbors better in block meetings, thereby increasing the feeling of security and community.

;in' Out . . .

not only for fun and games — but for the benefit of our community. The elderly have collaborated with the young people. If it wasn't for them and their full support, a lot of these things could not have been possible.

On October 3, there will be a street festival on Cortland Avenue. The festival will consist of food booths, music, bands, games, and more. There will also be a CAR SHOW. The purpose of the festival is to unite us as a neighborhood and to raise money for the Bernal Heights Council, which works on community activities and supports the Bernal Neighborhood Center — a much-needed place for the youths to have recreation and a place to develop.

WE WANT OUR COMMUNITY TO BE THE BEST! We want it to be a great neighborhood to live comfortably and fearlessly.

The YOUTHS are willing to try!
The ELDERLY are willing to try!
ARE YOU???

s Born

At the August meeting, the Bernal Heights Council decided to sponsor the Second Annual Bernal Folks Festival to be held on Cortland Avenue, Saturday, October 3, as an organizational activity that youth can work closely with adults to plan and execute. With the help of Roberto Hernandez, Program Developer of the Neighborhood Center on Cortland, many youths are in key positions as festival organizers. They're planning activities at the fair to generate funds for a new youth organization that will help create constructive alternatives to crime and violence.

Since the Bernal Good Neighbor Campaign is such a novel approach to an age-old urban problem, Council members Kit Balambra and Tim Curbo testified before the Mayor's Select Subcommittee on Crime. They presented the program as a much more constructive measure in fighting crime than these traditional measures: more police, more prisons and harsher punitive measures against those convicted of criminal activity. The session was aired live by CABLE TV-6.

It's not too late to have a Good Neighbors Meeting or become involved in the Bernal Folks Festival. For more information on Council activities, please call 647-4255 and ask for Jay.

Recruitment Drive

Bernal Heights residents who are interested in learning how to help their neighbors resolve disputes in the neighborhood can receive free training at the next Community Boards training session. It begins on November 7.

The program is looking for people who would like to do casework — talking with folks who are having fights or problems with each other, and bringing them both to a Community Boards hearing. Bilingual Philippinos, Latinos, and all minorities are encouraged to get involved.

For more information please call Teresa Kennett, Carlos Valdes or Lupe Henriquez at the Bernal Heights Community Boards office: 821-6590.

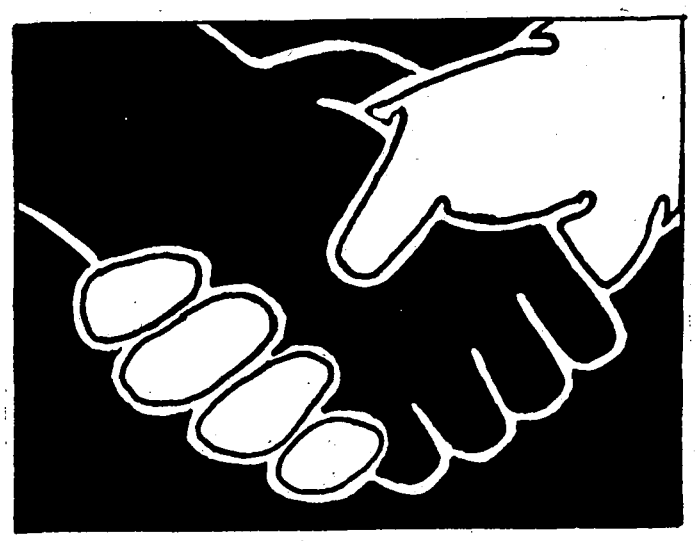
Little People

Photo by Joan Kelley

NEED YOU

Little People's Workshop is a cooperative nursery designed to accommodate children aged approximately eighteen months to approximately three years of age. Parents' responsibilities include $75 per month tuition, working at Little People's one day per week, shared maintenance of the rooms and equipment and attendance at bi-monthly meetings.

Call us at 648-5156.



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CBP RECEIVES JOHN R. MAY AWARD

Community Boards has been awarded the 1981 John R. May Award in recognition of its "excellence in organized service to the community through creative leadership." Tim Curbo, a community member and panelist from the Bernal Heights office, wrote the nomination statement which described their work and demonstrated to the San Francisco Foundation that they fulfilled the award requirements of making "a pioneering effort to effect change by addressing a major contemporary problem in an incisive manner, and noteworthy because of both the creativity and innovation employed."

The Award was created to recognize leadership by a community organization in the San Francisco Bay Area counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo, The Award includes a $5,000 gift to the selected organization.

Every community member should feel proud. It is another confirmation of the importance and worth of the work that Community Boards does. Congratulations to our hardworking neighbors — and keep up the terrific work!

There Oughta Be a Law

Having legal hassles? Need some questions answered? COME TO THE FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 3 FOR CHEAP LEGAL ADVICE!

The Bernal Heights Law Collective will be providing counseling on Festival Day. The $5 charge will be donated by the Collective to the Bernal Heights Council. So do yourself a favor! Take advantage of this opportunity to get legal help — and help out the neighborhood while you're at it!

Dance Exercise
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